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**Norfolk, Virginia** – Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Marcus J. Lewis, age 25, of Fort Eustis, Virginia, was sentenced today by Judge Rebecca Beach Smith in U.S. District Court in Norfolk. Lewis was sentenced to serve 90 months in prison. The sentence resulted from Lewis' conviction for assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and was above the federal sentencing guideline range because of the heinous nature of the crime.

On February 21, 2003, Lewis, a military spouse, pled guilty to burning his 2 year old step-son multiple times with the metal portion of a hair dryer. The evidence showed that in January, 2003, the defendant had intentionally burned the child approximately 15 times. Lewis had just been released in May, 2002, from an 18 month sentencing after being convicted by a Fort Eustis court-martial of assaulting the same child and causing 14 fractures to the child who was only two months of age at the time.

This case was investigated by the Army Criminal Investigation Division, and was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Ryan McKinstry.

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